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1. INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR OF QATAR MONETARY AGENCY (QMA) IN NOV 16 ISSUE OF DOHA DAILY "AL ARAB" PROVIDES FURTHER INFORMATION ON GULF INTERNATIONAL BANK FORMED BY FAHRAN, KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR, OMAN AND UAE (REFTEL). DIRECTOR STATED THAT HEADQUARTERS OF NEW BANK WILL BE IN BAHRAIN BUT NOTED THAT BRANCHES WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE SIX PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IN OTHER ARAB AND NON-ARAB STATES. ACCORDING DIRECTOR, BANK WILL BE USED BY PARTICIPATING STATES AS VEHICLE FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENTS ABROAD.

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2. RE CAPITALIZATION OF BANK, DIRECTOR WAS QUOTED AS SAYING

THAT OUT OF TOTAL CAPITAL OF 40 MILLION BAHRAIN DINARS,
(US \$100 MILLION), BD 24 MILLION WILL BE PAID BY MEMBER STATES.
REMAINING BD 16 MILLION WILL BE RAISED BY SALE OF SHARES TO
ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS IN PARTICIPATING STATES. ACCORDING
DIRECTOR, LIMIT ON TOTAL SHARE PURCHASES BY RESIDENTS OF ANY
STATE IS EQUAL TO 49 PERCENT OF THAT STATE'S SUBSCRIPTION TO
CAPITAL OF BANK. DIRECTOR SAID SHARES WILL COST 10,000 QATARI
RIYALS EACH (US \$1.00 EQUALS QR 3.92).
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